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Our Case No. 9281-4590

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Naoya Hasegawa et al.)
Serial No. 10/611,555) Examiner: Kevin Bernatz
Filing Date: July 1, 2003) Group Art Unit No. 1173
For: A Magnetic Detecting Element Having Second Antiferromagnetic Layer Overlying Second Free Magnetic Layer Extending inTrack Width Direction Beyond Track Width))))

Amendment

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 15, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claim begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.